

Introduced by Senator Cedillo

February 23, 2006

An act to amend Section 440.30 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1470, as introduced, Cedillo. Health facility patient charges: copy to health care practitioner.

Existing law requires a health facility, as defined, within 7 days after completion of the patient's itemized bill, to provide to the primary attending health care practitioner a copy, upon written request specifying the individual patient, of the complete itemized charges for services rendered to the patient by the health facility in those instances when the primary attending health care practitioner is not employed by the health facility nor a member of an integrated group practice that provided the health facility services. Existing law requires that the primary attending health care practitioner's written request to the health facility specify the records to be copied, and include a fee to defray the cost of copying, not to exceed 25¢ per page, plus any reasonable costs of clerical services incurred in locating and making the records available.

This bill would increase that fee to 30¢ per page for copying a health record pursuant to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 440.30 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:

1 440.30. The primary attending health care practitioner's
2 written request to the health facility shall specify the records to
3 be copied pursuant to Section 440.20, and shall include a fee to
4 defray the cost of copying, not to exceed ~~twenty-five cents~~
5 ~~(\$0.25)~~ *thirty cents (\$0.30)* per page, plus any reasonable costs of
6 clerical services incurred in locating and making the records
7 available.

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